

E-8 promotion testing cycle window changes

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas—Beginning this year, all master sergeants competing for promotion to senior master sergeant will take the U.S. Air Force Supervisory Examination test between Dec. 6-17.

The testing cycle will no longer be conducted in January.

Air Force officials said ongoing air expeditionary force deployments, in support of the Global War on Terror, have dramatically reduced the number of eligible personnel who are available to test during the current testing window.

Moving the testing cycle will allow more time for out-of-cycle testing prior to promotion release. The change will not affect the promotion announcement nor the months during which promotions are made for the cycle. Testing conducted after Dec. 17 will be considered out-of-cycle.

Kirtland AFB named ‘Tree City USA’

Kirtland AFB has been named a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to its community forest. It is the fourth year Kirtland AFB has received this national recognition.

The National Arbor Day Foundation sponsors the Tree City USA program in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Kirtland AFB has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance.

“This year’s record number of Tree City USA communities shows a growing level of dedication and care for our urban forests,” said John Rosenow, president of The National Arbor Day Foundation. “It shows the people of Kirtland AFB value trees for the beauty, grace, comfort and practical blessings they bring.

“The trees on Kirtland AFB help clean the air, conserve soil and water and reduce heating and cooling costs by moderating temperatures,” he added. “Tree City USA honors the countless men, women and children in Kirtland AFB who are working hard to ensure a greener, healthier tomorrow for us all.”

Commander explains vision, mission, strategic principles

BY GEN. GREG MARTIN
Air Force Materiel Command Commander

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio (AFMCNS)—This month I’ll begin the phased implementation of the Air Force Materiel Command goals and standards developed during a recent commander’s conference.

As part of the initial implementation I want to restate and reiterate the importance of our AFMC vision, AFMC mission, headquarters AFMC mission and AFMC strategic principles. These statements provide the framework within which our goals and standards were developed and will function.

These statements are more than just words, they are the fundamental way we should be doing business. Everyone needs to ingrain these statements and the rationale behind them in the day-to-day operations of AFMC.

AFMC Vision

To be a valued team member...of the world’s most respected Air and Space Force.

The men and women of AFMC provide magnificent value to our U.S. Air Force every day. I want every member of our command, regardless of position or duty, to understand that, believe that and strive for that.

I underline the word “valued” because it is the key to our shared vision. It means that every one of us plays a relevant role, on the larger team, to make our service the world’s most respected air and space force.

AFMC Mission

Deliver war-winning...
Technology
Acquisition Support
Sustainment
...expeditionary capabilities to the warfighter.

Our command exists for one reason, and that’s to fulfill this mission. It is a mission that only AFMC can carry

out. It is what we do, it is why we exist, it is what defines us in the eyes of the rest of our Air Force.

Bottom line: AFMC delivers war-winning expeditionary capabilities to the warfighter—through our core competencies of providing the best technology, acquisition support and sustainment.

Headquarters AFMC Mission

Shape the workforce and infrastructure to...
Develop
Field
Sustain
...war-winning expeditionary capabilities.

Why does the headquarters AFMC mission differ from the AFMC mission? The headquarters must support our field organizations.

It is a facilitating organization—one that makes it possible for our field organizations to not only succeed, but to excel. I don’t want the headquarters to duplicate the work of our field organizations.

Bottom line: Field organizations deliver products to our customers. The headquarters shapes the work force, allocates resources, provides policy and oversees performance. The headquarters has a different role, and therefore, a different mission.

AFMC Strategic Principle

War-winning capabilities...on time, on cost.

The strategic principle brings together our AFMC vision, AFMC mission and HQ AFMC mission into one simple and succinct thought, belief and principle. It is our rallying call as a command—our moniker.

It is the statement that appears on our stationary. It provides unity of purpose. It drives everything we do. It is the one guiding thought that even our most junior Airmen should be able to repeat when asked what our command does—and what he or she does to support our Air Force.

AF Inspection Agency chief honored by peers

Chief Master Sgt. Roy Case of the Air Force Inspection Agency has been honored with a Distinguished Service Award from the American Technical Education Association.

Chief Case is the Inspection Agency’s chief munitions inspector, serving on Eagle Look (management review) teams in the agency’s Acquisition and Logistics Directorate.

The chief was among three honorees at the association’s convention in Nashville, Tenn., earlier this year.

In its national magazine, the American Technical Education Association lauded Chief Case for dedicating 14 years of his career to postsecondary technical education.

This is the second time his peers have honored him. The association presented the chief with its Outstanding Service Award in 1998.

Chief Case has been active in the association at the regional and national levels.



Chief Master Sgt. Roy Case

Observation provides Eagle Eyes success story

BY SPECIAL AGENT SCOTT D. DAUGHTRY
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On June 1, a sharp-eyed military member assigned to the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center contacted the Law Enforcement desk concerning blueprints he discovered inside an off-base dumpster near Kirtland AFB.

Air Force Office of Special Investigation agents seized several hundred pounds of facility blueprints for locations on Kirtland AFB and downtown Albuquerque.

The AFOSI identified the local business that disposed of these sensitive unclassified documents, and provided their senior management with an Eagle Eyes briefing to heighten anti-terrorism awareness.

Eagle Eyes is an AFOSI initiative to provide anti-ter-

rorism education to (primarily) non-military personnel. There are seven antiterrorism behavior categories to be observant of:

- ★ surveillance,
- ★ elicitation of information,
- ★ tests of security,
- ★ supplies acquisition,
- ★ suspicious persons out of place,
- ★ dry run of the terrorist act and
- ★ final deployment of assets to commit the act.

Reporting of suspicious activities worldwide through Eagle Eyes program has proven to be an effective intermeasure against terrorist activities.

If you observe one of the seven Eagle Eyes categories, mediate contact the Law Enforcement desk, 846-7913 846-7926.



Photo by Damian Bohannon
A Avenue, beginning at the Wyoming Boulevard intersection, and the portion of East Sandia Circle serving Sandia Base Elementary School, will be closed until Aug. 9. Wyoming Boulevard will remain open during the construction period.

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A Avenue at the intersection of Wyoming Boulevard and the portion of East Sandia Circle serving Sandia Base Elementary School, will be closed until Aug. 9.

The closing enables installing new water and sewer mains that must cross underneath Wyoming Boulevard and allows construction of the streets that will serve the new housing area and Sandia Base Elementary School.

Traffic passing by this area will see caution tape and barricades placed in front of the school to warn the public of construction.

Work on the new street for Sandia Base Elementary School is scheduled during the summer months to minimize impact on school operations. While Sandia Base Elementary does not have summer school, the Children’s Choice Program uses the school facilities.

Parking for school personnel will be in the

school’s maintenance parking lot on the west side of the school, off of Wyoming Boulevard. As arranged by the Children’s Choice Program, the Coronado Club parking lot west of Wyoming Boulevard will provide parents drop-off and pick-up parking for their children.

Wyoming Boulevard will remain open throughout the construction period.

Signs will be placed on Wyoming Boulevard indicating that A Avenue is closed and the traffic signal at the intersection will be set to blink yellow.

Additionally, signs will be placed to direct housing residents to Kirtland Family Housing’s Maintenance Facilities and the self-help resource center. Access to KFH’s Maintenance Facilities will be provided through the housing construction site.

Drive carefully around the school and construction areas and watch for children.

Call Joseph Lujan, KFH, at 846-6703.

Anyone can buy calling cards from exchange service

DALLAS—Service members stationed anywhere in the world can now call home anytime with donated minutes as a result of a new decision by DOD that allows the Army and Air Force Exchange Service to sell Military Exchange Prepaid Phone Cards to anyone wishing to donate them to deployed troops.

Up until four weeks ago, mom, dad, aunts and uncles had no choice but to purchase and send domestic phone cards that were designed for calls between New York and Dallas, not Baghdad and Dallas.

The new 550-Unit Military Exchange Prepaid Phone Card, available for \$39, provides up to 140 minutes of call time from remote and austere locations throughout Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. Even though the face value of domestic cards may appear higher, phone cards sold by commercial retailers stateside provide fewer global minutes since they are designed for use only in the United States.

“Sending a phone card to deployed troops reminds them that folks back home are thinking of them and really care,” said Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost, AAFES commander.

General Frost says one of the problems with the program is that so few people know about the initiative. The program is very different from any other initiative AAFES has embarked on. Up until now, AAFES has only been allowed to sell items to active or retired military.

The card is available to anyone that wishes to make a donation to an individual service member or “any Soldier” at www.aafes.com or call 800-527-2345.

377 SFS changes command, June 30

Lt. Col. Keith Harris, 377th Security Forces Squadron commander, relinquishes command to Maj. Martin Rothrock in a change of command ceremony June 30, 9 a.m., in the Security Forces quad area, behind the security forces administration office building.

Colonel Harris will be reassigned to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, where he will be commander of the 379th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron.

Major Rothrock just graduated from the Marine Command and Staff College, Quantico, Va.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Sam Parish NCO Academy honors alumnus

BY SENIOR MASTER SGT. RICH GORNAL
Kirtland NCO Academy
director of education

Noncommissioned Officers who have attended the Kirtland NCO Academy have a lot to be proud of when it comes to their enlisted heritage and the heritage of this academy.

The strong enlisted history dates back 49 years when Kirtland NCO Academy first began teaching NCOs to be Air Force leaders. The Kirtland NCO Academy has graduated 26,761 NCOs, to date, and is a world-class facility that is rich in enlisted history.

It carries the honor as the oldest continuous operating enlisted professional military institute in the Air Force.

The Kirtland NCO Academy, recently received approval from the Air Education and Training Command vice commander to name the school’s auditorium in honor of retired Chief Master Sgt. Sam E. Parish, the eighth Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force. It gives Kirtland AFB’s enlisted corps yet another pillar of heritage to be proud of: the Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Sam E. Parish Presentation Center.

The center’s primary functions will continue to be mass instruction of enlisted professional military education, providing a forum for speakers of opportunity and promoting our profession of arms. A complete renovation was recently accomplished that includes state of the art electronics, a new stage and

entryway, a multimedia control booth, paint, carpeting, lighting and seat material; all lending itself to providing a world-class professional military image and education to future students.

The Kirtland NCO Academy student’s Professional Military Education learning environment will be significantly richer, now able to experience and “connect” firsthand with Chief Parish’s sterling contributions.

Chief Parish was selected as Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force in August 1983 and he is the only former Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force to graduate from the Kirtland NCO Academy.

He carries the title of honor graduate of Class 64-D, thus celebrating his 40th Anniversary this year as a Kirtland NCO Academy alumnus.

Although he retired in 1986, Chief Parish continues to represent the enlisted corps. His memberships in numerous associations that support the enlisted corps leave an indelible impression. He is a life member of the Air Force Association, a member of the Air Force Sergeants Association, the Retired Enlisted Association and the Army and Air Force Mutual Aid Association. Additionally, he is the director of the Airman’s Memorial Museum and a member of the Air University Board of Visitors.

He is a highly sought after motivational speaker and serves as a role model for today’s enlisted members.

The Kirtland NCO Academy initiated the memorialization project to pay tribute to Chief

Parish’s long and faithful service and to recognize his ties as an alumnus of our historic NCO Academy.

A quote from Chief Parish proudly displayed in our halls for all students to see reads, “to the Kirtland NCO Academy ‘A place that changed my life and lit a fire that still hasn’t gone out today.’”

Chief Parish’s strong contributions to the enlisted past serve as an inspiration to each of us. There are only a handful of military institutions named after enlisted Airmen.

A dedication ceremony in honor of an individual visibly demonstrates the high degree of official recognition and honor accorded that person. The Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Sam E. Parish Presentation Center will elegantly display the many contributions he voluntarily makes for our Air Force. The chief’s name on our auditorium, which is dedicated to training tomorrow’s senior enlisted leaders, perpetuates the core values and ideals we instill in all NCO’s.

The official naming dedication ceremony will be July 15, 8 a.m., at the Kirtland NCO Academy, 4301 Randolph Boulevard, Building 916.

Col. Albert Bowley, College for Enlisted Professional Military Education commander, will be the officiate. Chief Parish is scheduled to be the graduation guest speaker for Class 04-5 that same evening. Anyone interested in attending the dedication ceremony, should contact the Kirtland NCO Academy, 846-5125.